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[redacted] White male, date of birth [redacted]
 Social Security Account number [redacted] home address [redacted]
 [redacted] telephone number [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] has an extensive background in [redacted]

[redacted] He has traveled to Russia on several occasions, beginning in 1972, and has visited nearly all of the oil refineries in the country.

[redacted] in 1987, which specialized in oil trading. [redacted] was located at [redacted] when [redacted] subsequently moved [redacted]

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At the time he severed ties with [redacted] the Company had recently been granted a concession by the government of Kazakhstan to manage the PAVLODAR OIL REFINERY, located in the northern part of the country. Not long after taking over, [redacted] discovered that this was a money losing proposition and sold his interest in [redacted] and to local partners in Kazakhstan. A dispute ensued between [redacted] and the government as to who bore responsibility for the financial problems at PAVLODAR. [redacted] was not involved in this dispute.

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[redacted] had never met or communicated with [redacted] [redacted] has heard of [redacted] through mutual associates and acquaintances in the oil industry. [redacted] never met anyone who had something positive to say about [redacted] They generally described [redacted] as being mean, obnoxious and difficult to deal with, both personally and professionally. [redacted] heard that one of [redacted] at MOBIL OIL.

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services would no longer be required in the privatization effort for the television network. She explained that due to budgetary constraints in Kazakhstan, funding was not available to continue the effort at that time.

[redacted] described [redacted] as being very aggressive, tough and difficult to deal with. However, [redacted] involvement with [redacted] was limited to an occasional meeting in New York or in Kazakhstan. [redacted] dealt mainly with THOMAS BOWERS, who was [redacted] lawyer at MERCATOR. He described BOWERS as a nice guy but with a peripatetic personality. BOWERS was constantly running around and traveling at the beck and call of [redacted]. Several months after [redacted] involvement with Kazakhstan was terminated in February of 1999 he received a telephone call from BOWERS. BOWERS told [redacted] that he was no longer working for MERCATOR but did not describe the circumstances of his departure. It appeared to [redacted] that BOWERS' departure was abrupt. He has not spoken to either BOWERS or [redacted] since the middle of 1999.

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[redacted] White Male, date of birth [redacted]
 Social Security Account number [redacted] home address [redacted]
 [redacted] home telephone number [redacted]
 [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, SEMPRA
 ENERGY, 58 Commerce Road, Stamford, Connecticut, telephone number
 [redacted] After being
 advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature
 of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] used to work for [redacted] GLENN
 OZTEMEL SR., at SATRA CORPORATION, in the 1970s. OZTEMEL SR.,
 now deceased, owned the Company, which specialized in importing
 and export goods primarily from Russia. [redacted] worked as a
 trader for SATRA for approximately five years.

[redacted] recalled [redacted] as being intelligent, ambitious
 and full of energy. [redacted] was eventually let go by OZTEMEL SR.,
 who grew tired of [redacted] overly ambitious tendencies. [redacted]
 had ideas about the direction of SATRA's business that conflicted
 with OZTEMEL SR. [redacted] had tried to convert other SATRA
 employees to his way of thinking, which didn't sit well with
 OZTEMEL SR. They did not part on the best of terms, and [redacted]
 [redacted] had no further contact with [redacted] since
 the late 1970s.

[redacted] was aware that [redacted] was under investigation
 based on recent media reports. He had never heard of [redacted]
 company, THE MERCATOR CORPORATION, until reading about it in the
 newspaper. [redacted] did not recognize the name THOMAS BOWERS, but
 promised to provide a list of names to the interviewing agents of
 possible business associates of [redacted]

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[REDACTED] INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES INC., 235 East 45th Street, 2nd floor, New York, NY, telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed at his place of employment. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

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In 1996, INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES INC. was engaged to perform work for the government of Kazakhstan. INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES INC. was hired by the MERCATOR CORPORATION in New York to assist in the privatization of the state run television network in Kazakhstan. [REDACTED]

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met [REDACTED] during a golf outing. [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] if he knew anyone who had performed work or who was in the television business. The friend recommended [REDACTED] [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] and engaged [REDACTED] and his company to assist in the privatization of the state run television network in Kazakhstan.

[REDACTED] developed a business plan and traveled to Kazakhstan on several occasions between 1996 and 1998. INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES provided the Kazakhstan government with television programming for the privatization effort. INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES billed MERCATOR directly on a monthly basis for their fees, which averaged \$12,000 per month. MERCATOR paid INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES by check.

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[REDACTED] was also the [REDACTED] of the state run television network in Kazakhstan. [REDACTED] worked closely with [REDACTED] between 1996 and 1998 in the privatization effort. He described [REDACTED] as a smart, intelligent, professional woman who was well educated and knowledgeable about the television industry.

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In or about February of 1999, [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] and told him that INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES'

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[redacted] and also owned a large home in [redacted] spent a lot of time in Kazakhstan, and had close ties to government officials, including [redacted]. In general, all oil deals involving foreign companies and the Kazakhstani government were reviewed by [redacted] usually at the request of [redacted]. [redacted] viewed himself as a de-facto member of the Kazakhstani government, and tried to attend meetings between Kazagh officials and members of the State Department.

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[redacted] pocketed large fees for reviewing and putting together oil deals in the region. For example, [redacted] received a commission of approximately eleven cents per barrel for brokering the TANGEZ OIL FIELD transaction. Typically, a broker would receive roughly two to three cents per barrel as their fee.

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[redacted] was aware that [redacted] was being investigated for possible illegal activity with [redacted] including [redacted]. Several reporters had contacted [redacted] over the past few weeks, including [redacted]

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After dis-associating himself from [redacted] which he runs from his residence with a partner, [redacted] is a consulting firm in the oil and energy services industry, and [redacted] to construct a power plant in Azerbaijan.

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[redacted] identified TOM BOWERS [redacted]
BOWERS, who resides in Greenwich, Connecticut, is a lawyer who has worked with [redacted] in the past. BOWERS interceded on the behalf of [redacted] with respect to the ongoing dispute over the PAVLODAR refinery. [redacted] also lived in Greenwich, and [redacted] at one time worked for [redacted] at THE SATRA GROUP in the 1970s.

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